Constitution of Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service

1293. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service and relevant rules as approved by the Union Public Service Commission and the Department of Personnel alongwith the reasons for delay in the formation of the proposed service ; and

(b) by when Government propose to finally constitute the proposed service ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.K. TEWARY) : (a) The Government have decided to constitute a new Group 'A' Central Service, called the Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service with comparable grades and scales found in other similar non-technical Central Services.

The new Service will have separate cadres for all India Radio and Doordarshan and separate sub-cadres with the media to meet the needs of programme management and programme production functions . A feaure of the proposed Service is that it will offer scope for individual officers to achieve specialisation according to their personal preferences. The rules for the Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service are yet to be finalised. Demands have been raised by some other sections of the Staff of AIR and Doordarshan for their inclusion in the proposed Service. This has necessitated the reconsideration of whole organisational structure.

(b) It is difficult to specify the exact date by which the Service will come into effect.

Entry of multi national to the field of Food Processing

1294. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of multinationals that have been permitted to enter into collaboration with Indian firms in Food Processing Industry during the last three years, yearwise and collaboration wise;

(b) what is the number of applications that are presently under consideration with Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of each proposal/ application?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Allotment of palm oil to Tamil Nadu for distribution through Public Distribution System

1295. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu state is not being allotted palm oil for distribution to the family card holders in comparison to the other states of the country; and

(b) if so, the details of palm oil allotted during the last two years to the various states in comparison to the population and number of family cards?